

5 providing a communication link between a computerized reservation
system and a traveler's personal computer having a graphical user interface
configured to allow the traveler to book a planned travel reservation with a
provider of travel services;

89 receiving a request from a traveler to book a travel plan [for a traveler];

10 determining whether the travel plan complies with a set of travel policies
of the enterprise according to a travel policy hierarchy that defines a relationship
between each travel policy within the set of travel policies;

computing expense data corresponding to the travel plan; and

maintaining a storage subsystem reflecting travel information for the
enterprise, including requested travel plans and corresponding expense data.

REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action of July 20, 2000, Applicants request entry of the above amendments to claims 1, 12, 18, 20, 64, 67, 73, 75, and 92 as well as the cancellation of claims 36-63, 65, 66, 70-72, and 87-91, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

In particular, Applicants propose each of these amendments in order to either materially simplify the issues for appeal or place this application in condition for allowance. Because the Examiner has already considered and even suggested each of the proposed changes during the interviews of August 2nd and August 28th, 2000, this

Amendment does not present new issues requiring additional consideration and/or search. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request appropriate entry and consideration of this proposed Amendment. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-35, 64, 67-69, 73-86, and 92-93 will remain currently pending.

Applicants thank Examiner Poinvil for his courteous efforts to expedite prosecution during the interviews noted above. During these interviews, the Examiner indicated that independent claims 1, 12, 18, 20, 64, 67, 73, 75, and 92, as generally amended, define over Shoolery et al. as well as the entire prior art of record. The Examiner also acknowledged that each of the independent claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons stated in the Request for Reconsideration dated July 27, 2000. In addition, dependent claims 2-11, 13-17, 19, 21-35, 68-69, 74, 76-86, and 93, which each depend upon one of the independent claims, respectively, contain additional limitations that are neither disclosed nor suggested by the teachings of Shoolery et al. As a result, each of the dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons discussed with respect to the independent claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of all the pending claims 1-35, 64, 67-69, 73-86, and 92-93.

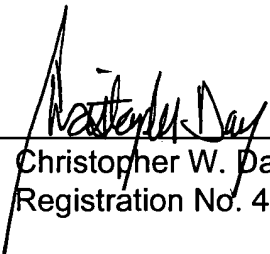
Additionally, Examiner Poinvil is invited to telephone the undersigned Applicants' representatives at (202) 408-6052 if necessary to further expedite the allowance of this application.

Please grant any necessary extensions of time and charge any additional fees due with the filing of this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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